THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Agreement on Cooperation on tourism between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Republic of Portugal was signed in Lisbon on Monday the 29th July, 1991. As per the Agreement both countries will take necessary measures to encourage and stimulate the tourist traffic between the two countries through mutual exchange of knowledge and experience concerning various sectors of tourism.

(c) The Agreement does not provide for development of any specific areas in the country.

Railway Lines in Marathwada-Vidarbha Region

4550. SHRI TEJSINGHRAO BHONSLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding laying o new railway lines in he hinterland of Marathwada-Vidarbha region is pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any survey has been made in this regard;

(c) whether it is proposed to include it in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted for a railway line between Amravati and Narkhed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE INISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Proposals for Eighth Plan have not yet been decided.

(d) and (e) A survey for Narkhed-Amravati new BG line has been taken up. Further decision will be taken based on the results of survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

Uniform Transmission Tariff

4551. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a uniform transmission tariff for certain States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NONCONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The Central Sector transmission tariff covers annual fixed charges comprising depriciation, interest and O & M charges, and payment towards transmission losses incurred in transmission of energy through the Central Sector transmission lines. These charges are being apportioned to the beneficiary States in proportion to their respective drawals, on monthly basis. To this extent, there already exists a uniformity in regard to Central Sector transmission tariff regionwise for all